

LOCHT et al  
Serial No. 08/765,287  
August 4, 2004

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable reconsideration and reexamination of the subject application, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the specification has been amended to insert a priority statement. Claims 28, 34 and 40 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 8, 9, 36 and 38 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has objected to the specification, since a priority statement is not found therein. Applicants have amended the specification to insert a priority statement, which should render this objection moot.

Applicants are enclosing an Abstract on a separate sheet and will submit Formal Drawings upon allowance of this application.

Claim 4 has been objected to since it was not clear to the Examiner whether this claim depends from claim 3 or claim 34. In the Amendment filed January 23, 2004, claim 4 was amended to depend from claim 3 rather than from claim 1. It is believed that the Examiner is incorrectly reading "1" as "4" (it may be that the scanned copy of the January 23, 2004 Amendment available to the Examiner is unclear). As no amendment is necessary, none has been made.

Claims 8, 9, 36 and 38 have been canceled. Therefore, the remaining objections to the claims are rendered moot.

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From the foregoing, favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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